

Raking it in



Courtney and Andrew Anderson beautify a yard during Seven Days of Service. The service-project involved cleaning both houses and yards. See story on page 2.

photo by Kimberly Bryant

STD rates at an all-time high in Douglas County, report says

KIMBERLY BRYANT
News editor

The next time you think of having unprotected sex, remember the words chlamydia and gonorrhea. These two Sexually Transmitted Diseases, can send your health into a tailspin and lead other devastating bodily effects, such as infertility.

According to the Center for Disease Control and Prevention, the 2002 statistics book shows that chlamydia incidents are 34 percent above the national average. Omaha ranks 28th in the nation for chlamydia infections and 50 percent higher than the national average for gonorrhea infections.

"In Douglas county, in particular, chlamydia rates are at an all-time high," said Marcia Adler, UNO Student Health Services coordinator.

She said that chlamydia is the most common bacterial infection that Student Health Services has been seeing recently.

The STDs are contracted from any unprotected sexual encounter.

"So the only 100 percent way to not get an STD is to remain abstinent," Adler said. "Where the difficulty comes is that people view

sexual activity differently. Some people do not think oral sex is sexual activity. Some people believe the only sexual activity is intercourse." She said however, if body fluids come in contact with genitalia, STDs can be passed, whether there is penetration or not.

Adler attributes the high rates to a social acceptance of high-risk behavior.

"When we live in a world where people are very comfortable taking

someone home that they've met in a bar or someone that they don't know very well, I think we increase those encounters and those risks."

However, for students who do engage in sexual activity, Adler said using a condom is

extremely important. "Condom-use needs to be a must. Often times, I'll have students come in here and say 'Oh my boyfriend doesn't like the condom,' 'the condom doesn't fit. That's rubbish,'" she said.

Condoms are available through the Women's Resource Center and through Student Health Services. Female condoms and dental dams are also available at SHS.

It's important to get tested for STDs once a year, even if you feel fine. Health officials recommend getting tested at least every six months if you have multiple partners or frequently have unprotected sex. For more information, call the Center for Disease Control Hotline at (800) 227-8922.

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PRSSA aims to increase eating disorder awareness among UNO students

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News editor

As part of its Eating Disorder Awareness Week, the University of Nebraska at Omaha's Public Relations Student Society of America will host a series of events March 25 through April 1.

According to a survey conducted by the organization of almost 500 students, 50 percent of the people surveyed indicated they knew someone who has or had an eating disorder. About 66 percent would not know how to help a friend if they had an eating disorder and 54 percent of students were either unsure or did not know where they or someone else could get professional help for an eating disorder.

When it comes to eating disorders, PRSSA member Evangeline Vergo said, "We really believe that it's important enough to know when to take a first step to get help for their friends or for themselves."

To help further inform the UNO community, information display tables will be present at the Milo Bail Student Center, the Durham Science Center, the Peter Kiewit Institute and Kayser Hall on March 25, March 29 and March 30. A display table will also be set up at the Arts and Sciences Hall on the same days from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. (which floors?). Students will be able to obtain literature on eating disorders, body image, healthy living, helping a friend, prevention and myths and realities surrounding eating disorders.

Other events for the week include "The Great Jeans Giveaway," on March 31 from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Student Center's Fireplace Lounge. At the giveaway, PRSSA members will collect students' used jeans that no longer fit. The purpose of the giveaway is to encourage students to accept their bodies and stop trying to squeeze into jeans that no longer fit. The jeans that are collected will be donated to the Open Door Mission. In addition to the giveaway, there will be a celebration from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. featuring caricatures, animal balloons, music, drawings and magicians.

Vergo said the event is a fun, lighthearted and good way to get information on eating disorders and have fun at the same time.

On April 1, from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., UNO's Moving Company will perform an interpretive dance to UNO professor Mary Waugh-Taylor's story of struggling with anorexia during college. Following the presentation, Cindy Johnson, a professional eating disorders counselor will speak about the realities of eating disorders and how students can help friends who may be suffering from them.

That same day, students can also stop into the Student Center where another informational display table will be set up from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Upon attending the events, Vergo said students are "going to have the knowledge to help the person and give them hope and offer them steps toward help."

Chuckholes not a laughing matter

JESSICA RIAL
Staff writer

The chuckholes that line the streets and parking lots of Elmwood Park may frustrate students at the University of Nebraska at Omaha, but they are not the university's responsibility. The City of Omaha is responsible for road repairs in Elmwood Park.

Street Maintenance Foreman Ken Petersen said they would probably be repaired after the main roads are complete and before the residential areas are begun.

Kacie Johansen, an UNO undergraduate, said she finds the chuckholes annoying, yet understands that the major roads have to be fixed first.

Joann Nguyen, a business management major at UNO, goes out of her way, taking Happy Hollow Boulevard and Leavenworth Street, to avoid traveling through Elmwood Park. "I'd be really upset if there were chuckholes on the main streets," Nguyen said. "But I can find other ways around the park."

According to the 2003 Expenditure Summary of the Street Maintenance Division, the city is budgeting less money for asphalt street repair, which includes chuckhole repair. Asphalt repairs accounted for 14 percent of the street maintenance budget in 2002. The city set aside 8.7 percent in 2003, and recommends spending 7.7 percent in 2004. Petersen said it is difficult and nearly impossible to budget something based on the weather.

"We react to the weather and when it snows a lot and melts that creates a lot of chuckholes," Petersen

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Evan Brown Memorial Invited Address to feature W. Andrew Collins

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W. Andrew Collins will be the featured speaker at the Evan Brown Memorial Invited Address series on March 30. Collins will present "The Course of True Love(s): Developmental Perspectives on Romantic Relationships."

Collins is a faculty member at the University of Minnesota Institute of Child Development. He received both his bachelor's

and master's of arts and Ph.D from Stanford University.

"His visit will allow both undergraduate and graduate students to meet with one of the leaders of the field," said Juan Casas, assistant professor in the department of Psychology. "We see this as an important educational opportunity for students, one which complements the information and experiences they receive in class."

According to Casas, Collins

will share a developmental perspective on romantic relationships. Collins is a primary investigator in a longitudinal study that has lasted over 25 year and has followed a sample of participants from birth to young adulthood.

Collins will speak at 2:30 p.m. in the Dodge Room at the Milo Bail Student Center. The event is free and open to the public. The lecture will be followed by a reception.

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"For the cost of a condom versus the infertility treatments that one has to go through later in life, if you contact an STD and don't get treated, you're talking thousands of dollars trying to remedy something that a 25 cent condom could have taken care of."

She added, "if you are not comfortable discussing condom use with the person that you're going to have a sexual relationship with, you probably have no business sleeping with that person."

However, if you slipped over Spring Break and had a little too much fun, it is imperative that you get tested right away.

SHS offers HIV, chlamydia and gonorrhea tests for free. The test for HIV is done through a saliva test or a blood test. The test for chlamydia consists of a urine specimen. Student Health Services also provides syphilis tests for \$8. Herpes and genital warts tests, which are also free, involve visual examination of

the lesions. Adler said the only cost for the herpes and genital warts tests would be for the treatment of the lesions.

Adler thinks the rates may have gone up because more people are getting tested because of the availability and ease in testing for STDs.

If you've had unprotected sex and you think you probably don't have an infection because you feel perfectly healthy, think again.

"The scary part of STDs is for the big share of the population, there are no symptoms," Adler said.

However, she added that any male who has any kind of penile discharge or any painful urination, the first rule of thumb is to rule out an STD "because it's very uncommon for males to get urinary tract infections," she said. For women, she said, "women often times get vaginal infections, even from a change in sexual partners."

When it comes to herpes and genital warts, they can still be passed on even if there is no sign

of lesions.

"Your partner may have it and have no symptoms," she said. Herpes and genital warts can be treated, but since they are viral infections, they can still come back. And genital warts can lead to cervical cancer. However, chlamydia and gonorrhea are bacterial infections that can be treated with antibiotics.

If students aren't sure or are worried about whether they have an STD, Adler said students are welcome to come in to SHS to talk to any of the nurses and read current literature that will give them more information on STDs.

"I just want people to rethink what they did over spring break before we go into summer and set up a scenario of going home," Adler said. I don't want students to lose education-time worrying that they might have an STD."

Get tested. Be safe and don't become a statistic.

Campus Crime Log

MARION RHODES

Staff writer

Tuesday, Feb. 24

3:22 p.m. Student reported sexual solicitation in the Health, Physical Education and Recreation Building.

7:30 p.m. Anonymous individual reported vandalism in Durham Science Center.

9:25 p.m. Student reported suspicious person at University Village.

Wednesday, Feb. 25

8:43 a.m. Staff member reported racial expletives found in the library.

2:50 p.m. Student reported use of a controlled substance at University Village.

Thursday, Feb. 26

9 p.m. Student reported theft of personal property from Milo Bail Student Center.

Saturday, Feb. 28

4:20 a.m. Campus Security officer reported theft of university property from grounds south of E lot.

Monday, March 1

11:40 a.m. Student reported vandalism to their vehicle parked in the First Christian Church lot.

12:05 p.m. Student reported theft of personal property from vehicle parked in the First Christian Church lot.

Tuesday, March 2

8:42 p.m. Student reported theft from vehicle parked at St. Margaret Mary's Church.

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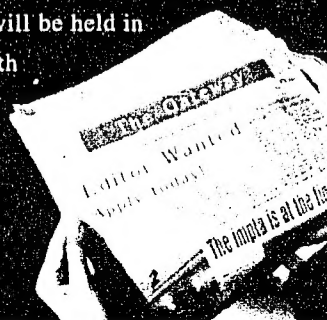
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Students help community over spring break

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While most of us were enjoying a spring break sunbathing in Cancun or Miami, a few University of Nebraska at Omaha students were helping the community.

The Seven Days of Service, a community-service project, started on March 13 and ended Saturday. The Seven Days of Service involved cleaning, painting and restoring homes for low-income families. Over 150 participants were involved and four homes were cleaned.

Kathy Oleson, Family Housing Advisory Services and director of Seven Days of Service, said the week was an extraordinarily positive effort between non-profits, education and business.

"I have worked on things like this before but never helped getting one started," John Carlson, graduate student at UNO, said. "It is important to give back to those who need it."

Junior Tabitha Larrauri agreed that being involved in the Seven Days of Service was a positive experience.

"It's good to help the community," she said.

She helped volunteer for the day as part of a project for a social work class, along with her husband, Pedro.

Other students also helped at the Seven Days of Service for social-work classes.

"I have a service learning project and picked this to work on," said Renee Van Gerpen, a social-work graduate student. "I was in charge of recruiting volunteers, getting donations and supplies."

Each morning the students would sign in and get instructions on what was to be done that day. After that, the students were divided into smaller groups and sent to different homes to work.

"I like this project because it is hands-on," said Van Gerpen. "I see the end result right away. It is immediate gratification."

Oleson said the Family Housing Advisory Services has several service days throughout the year. For more information on the days, call Amy Turbes at 934-7926.



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Westside High School students Rob Jeffrey (left), Dan Kieffer (right) and Chris Kelley (center), a pre-nursing major at UNO, rake leaves in a yard. Students spend spring break cleaning, painting and raking for the Seven Days of Service.

myUNO saves students from floppy-disk troubles

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Losing a floppy disk containing a whole semester's worth of work is devastating and unfortunately, it does happen.

Information Technology Services wants to rid you of your floppy-disk worries. ITS is sponsoring a Floppy-Disk Drive to promote the use of the 'my folder' option as a back up.

'My folder' is accessed through the same username and password as myUNO (Blackboard). Anyone, including faculty members, staff or students, that has a UNO account has access to 'my folder.'

When saving work, users can choose the 'my network places' option, create a shortcut to the 'my folder' account and automatically save their documents online.

Shelley Schafer, manager of distance education, helped ITS to create the Floppy-Disk Drive. Students may bring old floppy disks to any of the designated areas and be entered in a drawing. Included in the prizes are USB memory sticks, which are plugged into a computer to serve as an outside port similar to a zip drive or a floppy drive.

"There's nothing wrong with floppy disks," Schafer said.

"But lots of people have bad disks that lose their information. 'My folder' can be accessed from any place that has the Internet."

'My folder' has been available for a few months and ITS wants to make students aware of its benefits, Schafer said.

"This is a really great service, very valuable," said Erin King, a technical specialist.

Students can turn in floppy disks at the Durham Science Center room 104; the Milo Bail Student Center, Elmwood room; the library; or in the Eppley Administration Building, room 404 starting March 29 through April 2.

Deen Hayes, customer service supervisor, said 'my folder' is also very convenient and dependable for students.

"This way they don't have to carry a disk around," he said. "They don't have to worry about it getting lost, corrupted or destroyed."

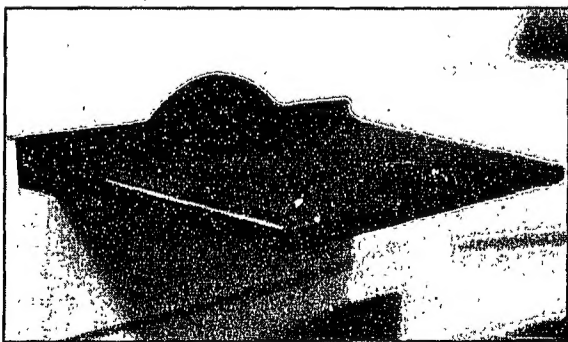


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Dekker's trilogy shows action and meaning

REVIEW BY CHERRIE REICKS

Staff writer

The year is 2010 and while walking home from work, a bullet goes whizzing by your head, leaving only a scratch. Then, thugs from a past mistake begin chasing you and after a brief battle, everything suddenly goes black.

You then awake in the future where good and evil exist as a green and black forest. There you are tempted, like the preverbal Garden of Eden, with forbidden fruit and water that brings knowledge. Both realities seem real, but which is a dream and which is reality?

Ted Dekker, the author of the best-selling novel *Time*, presents this mystery along with many others in his novel *Black: The Birth of Evil*. *Black* is the first book in a trilogy that will be released in its entirety throughout the year.

In *Black*, Dekker offers a *Matrix*-like story that shows the impact of technology, religion and the lust for power. Through the first book, we are introduced to Thomas Hunter.

Hunter is the typical hero who begins his journey by facing the trauma of almost being shot. After he is knocked out by a revenge-seeking thug, he awakes to Earth's future.

Hunter discovers he is able to go from one reality to another by simply falling asleep in his

current reality. Through this ability, he eventually discovers the unintentional development of an airborne virus that results in the death of billions, which alters Earth forever.

In the present reality, Hunter tries to change the encroaching disaster. Together with the information Hunter receives from the future reality and with aid of his older sister Kara, he tries to prevent the development of the virus by informing the creator of its implications.

However, conflict arrives when a villainous character, Valborg Svensson, hears about Hunter's claims. Svensson is looking to control a virus and its cure, causing the world to be under his power. Meanwhile, anyone who could prevent the breakout will not take Hunter seriously.

There are also trials for Hunter to face in the future reality. He first finds himself in an evil, black forest where talking black bats leave him for dead. A talking white bat and a beautiful woman from the green forest eventually save Hunter.

He has no memory of his past in that reality and believes it to be more real than the present reality. Hunter eventually interacts with both God and the devil. God seems to control the green forest with Adam-and-Eve-like characters living throughout, while the devil

has power over the black forest and the demonic black bats.

Hunter walks a fine line though both realities, and we are left with a cliffhanger. The cliffhanger will lead the reader into the next novel, *Red*, which will be released in May of this year.

Black is an action-packed and thought-provoking novel because of its sci-fi content containing obvious religious messages. The battle between good and evil does a good job of showing the power of faith within any reality.

The novel at times does begin to drag because of its preoccupation with the details of both worlds. Dekker worked very carefully to generate understanding of what was happening to his characters, but he seemed to go too slowly while not allowing the reader the benefit of personal interpretation.

Dekker does, however, weave, if not an entirely original plot, an interesting mixing of worlds. He shows his understanding of different cultures within the present day, but also creates a sort of biblical world within his idea of the future Earth. *Black* is overall worth the read.

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Love, life not always risk assessable in *Polly*

REVIEW BY KELSEY ARCHER

Staff writer

Risk-averse Reuben Feffer, played by Ben Stiller, gets his heart ripped out and dumped on the steamy Caribbean beach in *Along Came Polly*.

Feffer and Lisa Kramen (Debra Messing), depart on their honeymoon to an exotic Caribbean island. As they enjoy the white sandy beaches, a buff nudist Frenchman, Claude (Hank Azaria) strides into the picture. Claude, a scuba instructor, inquires, "Are you for scuba?"

At this point, everyone in the audience with hormones was for scuba.

Feffer is appalled, as Claude's package (not the scuba package) dangles in front of him. Newly married Kramen is clearly "for scuba" as she exhibits nonchalant facial expressions while directing her eyesight down below.

Feffer escorts his beautiful bride to

In addition:

Genre: Comedy
MPAA Rating: PG-13, for sexual content, language, crude humor and some drug references

Run Time: 1 hr. 30 min.

Starring: Ben Stiller, Jennifer Aniston, Philip Seymour Hoffman, Debra Messing, Hank Azaria

Director: John Hamburg

Producer: Danny DeVito

Writer: John Hamburg

Studio: Universal Pictures

the scuba ship, expresses to Claude how much he loves her, and scurries off to set up a fantasy dinner. Everyone in the audience groaned as Claude whisked Kramen off her feet and carried her to the ship; this seemed too cliché.

Returning later with champagne glasses in hand, Feffer finds the boat rocking.

As a title wave of devastation crashes over him, Feffer packs his bags, hops into the rental car, throws it in reverse and crashes it. Trying to get out of the Caribbean as fast as possible, he finds himself on a motorcycle clutching the person he'd least like to be near, Claude, on his way to airport.

Feffer didn't calculate this into his marriage risk assessment. As he finds out, love isn't something that is easily assessable.

Back at home, Feffer runs into his old friend from junior high, Polly (Jennifer Aniston). Although her risk level is code orange, she takes Feffer on a whirlwind of extreme sports, spicy foods, salsa dancing and living in the moment. Her carefree personality is clearly too risky for broken hearted, obsessive-compulsive Feffer.

Meanwhile, Feffer is busy moving into the house he bought for himself and his wife and assessing the risk level of others, including the Australian billionaire entrepreneur Leland van Lew (Bryan Brown). Lew, who proves to be uninsurable due to risks, makes the

crowd laugh over and over again with his crazy antics. He also shows Feffer there's more to life than your risk level.

While this film doesn't win best romantic comedy of the year, it's still worth seeing, perhaps even in the theater. It's definitely worth seeing Aniston and Messing on the big screen instead of their usual venue, TV.

Messing's acting brings a lot to the movie, even though her part is one of the shortest in the film. Philip Seymour Hoffman brings lots of laughs to the film and displays his usual humorous talent.

Although Stiller is one of the main actors in the film, he doesn't steal the show. His previous roles go hand in hand with this film. Take *Meet the Parents*, for example; his goofy acting abilities are the same in each flick. Stiller's image doesn't match up with Aniston's. It's hard to picture an obsessive-compulsive guy like Stiller with Aniston.

Aniston doesn't bring much more than star appeal to the film. Her acting is 100 times better in *Friends* than it is on the big screen. However, her charm and beauty make up for what she lacks in the movie.

Overall, *Polly* brings lots of laughs and somehow manages tug on your emotions. When put together, Stiller, Aniston, Messing and Azaria are the perfect four for this film and help bring drama to the movie through their superb acting abilities.

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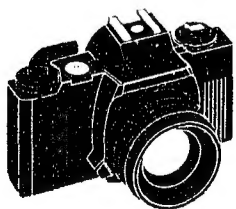
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Not a cloud in the sky for *Eternal Sunshine*



Kate Winslet and Jim Carrey star in *Eternal Sunshine of the Spotless Mind*, directed by Michel Gondry.

REVIEW BY BRIAN GRUMMIET

Staff writer

Michel Gondry has an extremely good eye as a music video and commercial director. He's made videos for Bjork, The Vines and The Chemical Brothers. His videos have a remarkable dexterity with sound and vision, image and rhythm. His first feature, *Human Nature*, from a screenplay by Charlie Kaufman, is the sort of film that can be expected from a music-video director — it's weak on logic and character, concerned with images but not so much on performance or story.

Narrative is a tricky creature and most pop directors making the transition to movies rely on fast tricks and never quite learn the form. Gondry isn't one of them.

Gondry and Kaufman's second project together, *Eternal Sunshine of the Spotless Mind*, is completely subjective, unflinchingly honest, and remarkable in form and style. Gondry and Kaufman have made one of the perfect, dead-on observations of romantic relationships in the last two decades. Kaufman has written a film that is immediately accessible and Gondry has directed one that is completely involving.

Joel Barrish (Jim Carrey) discovers that his ex-girlfriend, Clementine (Kate Winslet), has had the memory of their relationship erased from a procedure by Dr. Howard Mierzwiak (Tom Wilkinson). Three technicians (Mark Ruffalo, Kirsten Dunst and Elijah Wood) go to Barrish's apartment while he

sleeps and delete his memories after he makes a rash decision (much like Clementine's) to do so.

Kaufman's weakness as a writer is that he is fairly standard with story structure (he even made fun of this in the broken mirror self-portrait *Adaptation*). In *Sunshine*, that limitation is not only improved, it's obliterated. The movie shifts from feeling and belief as we see Joel's memories dissolve and are introduced with new, conflicting information. Instead of feeling as a violation, the film becomes more involving. Gondry has crafted the twists and turns of the script without a knowing blink, keeping the focus on audience response. He has no desire to show off his and Kaufman's cleverness; he presents the most important parts with normalcy, stripped of theatrics, making the effect all the much more powerful and pure.

Kaufman has written a series of screenplays that have given him the reputation for being a real, true artist. It's a reputation that is hard-won in Hollywood. Directors fiercely protect his work. *Human Nature* is the only blip in Kaufman's career. While it's easy to point the finger at Gondry, it is underdeveloped, including by Kaufman.

With *Sunshine*, Gondry may have made the best Kaufman film, and that is saying a lot.

Gondry has taken Kaufman's insights as pure experience. He has delivered a film that captures the emotions and realities of love and loss, neither preachy nor exaggerated. It might be the best film of the year.

CD reviews

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Death Cab for Cutie
Transatlanticism
(Barsuk)

There is a sense of urgency on the album, hope that the distances between don't become too great. This makes the album a great listen at dusk with a half empty glass of warm beer in your hands.

The songs on this disc are wonderfully beautiful. They are both wary of love and fully embrace it. One of the best songs on here is title track, a slow, moody song about the spaces between in relationships. It ends with a chorus urging a loved one to "come on" get closer. For lighter fare, try "Expo '86," a musically upbeat song about waiting in the long line of life.

This album was a surprise listen, not quite what I expected. Benjamin Gibbard's vocals are quite different with Death Cab for Cutie than on his side project, The Postal Service — they are not as annoying. On this album, his vocals are friendly, almost as if the songs are conversations with old friends.

That's basically what this album is — conversations about life and where it is going to take you. Some songs are positive and others question what it is going to take to succeed.

This album should be on your must-have list. It's a great listen for rainy March weather.

The Format
Interventions and Lullabies
(Elektra)

The Format is a fun pop-punk group, never letting up on the happy beats on *Interventions and Lullabies*. There are a few mellow songs, but other than that, the album is full of playful songs.

The album opens with "The First Single," a cool song about

getting over a relationship that is interspersed with random clapping. "Tie the Rope" is what you would do after the end of a great relationship. Most of the songs on here deal with what went wrong with a great girl, but sometimes that is not so bad. The Format does a good job of not making these relationship songs overbearing.

Nate Ruess's vocals help make the Format more emo than punk; it also helps that his singing is not very grating. The music breaks down into upbeat guitar strumming and piano playing in some songs, such as "Tune Out."

This album would be great to listen to during summer or on a sunny day. It's just a cheerful, entertaining album. Fans of Saves the Day should check out the Format.

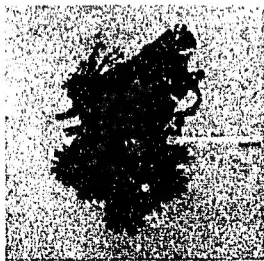
John Vanderslice
Cellar Door
(Barsuk)

This album is not what one would expect; it is a cruel, mad and insightful album. John Vanderslice's songs pay homage to movies and wish death upon not-so-innocent bluebirds.

The music moves along steadily; the beginning and ending of each song segue effortlessly. Vanderslice's voice is easy to listen to and comes with an all-knowing undertone. "They Won't Let Me Run" is a great song about feeling trapped in life. The irregular guitar strumming on "Heated Pool and Bar" makes the story he's singing about even more unreal.

Two songs on the album are dedicated to a few of Vanderslice's favorite movies. "Promising Actress" is about David Lynch flick *Mulholland Drive* and "When it Hits My Blood" is dedicated to Darren Aronofsky's *Requiem for a Dream*. Both songs are from the perspective of a character in the movie.

Cellar Door is an album unlike any from the other singer/songwriters out there. Vanderslice's album does not concentrate on the pleasantries of love. Instead, it's about how easily you can become crazy with the simple things in life. It doesn't try to paint a pretty picture of life. This is what it makes the album stand out and extremely deserving of a listen.



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Celebrities are still making headlines

TIRDAD DERAKHSHANI

Knight Ridder Newspapers (KRT)

Whitney back in action

As the 12-steppers say, the program works if you work it. But it seems Whitney Houston isn't working it all that good. In fact, according to the *New York Daily News*, Her Divaness has left the safe confines of the rehab she checked into on March 15.

"Whitney got extremely upset and said she felt the walls were closing in on her," a source tells the *News*.

Houston's rep, Nancy Seltzer, is taking the Middle Path, known in the Buddhism-meets-postmodern-public-relations milieu as a non-denial denial. "Miss Houston is continuing the prescribed treatment, as was planned," Seltzer says. "Her movements are in total keeping with the program." Seltzer did not divulge where the singer is.

Meanwhile, Houston's spiritual adviser, His Excellency Prince Asiel Ben Israel, of the African Hebrew Israelites of Jerusalem, told CBS's "Early Show" on Tuesday that Houston is trying to kick an addiction to prescription drugs, not cocaine.

As if things weren't bad enough in Houston's weird little world, on Tuesday her 35-year-old hubby, Bobby Brown, was ordered to jail for 90 days, or until he pays \$63,500 in child support. Norfolk County, Mass., Family Court Judge Paula Carey found in favor Kim Ward, mother of Brown's 12- and 14-year-old children. Brown testified he was unable to pay because he had no job or income.

Carey said Brown's claim "lacks all credibility," and declined his lawyers' offers to pay \$10,000 by the end of the day and an additional \$15,000 within 10 days, then negotiate the rest.

James Brown to face the music

While the Queen of Soul recuperates, the Godfather of Soul is getting ready to step into the ring. On Tuesday, a South Carolina judge ruled that James Brown must face a jury trial in a criminal domestic violence case. Brown, 70, was arrested Jan. 28 after a fight with his wife at their Beech Island home near Augusta, Ga., in which he allegedly pushed her to the floor during an argument and threatened to kill her while holding a chair over her.

Brown's attorney, Jim Huff, said his client did not want a jury trial. He added that the singer and his wife, Tomi Rae Brown, had reconciled. If convicted, Brown faces a maximum penalty of a \$500 fine or 30 days in jail.

Ailment eliminated

Aretha Franklin, who was admitted Saturday to Detroit's Sinai-Grace Hospital for an undisclosed ailment, is just fine. The Queen of Soul suffered an allergic reaction to antibiotics while on the road and was released from the hospital Wednesday afternoon. Her doctor, Claud Young, told Detroit's WDIV-TV that Franklin's illness appeared to be an isolated event. The singer, who turns 62 Thursday, waved and gave a thumbs-up to fans when she was released.

"Love you back," she told well-wishers before getting into her limo.

Couples roundup

Someone's been laying healing hands on Britney Spears' injured knee. And according to *Us Weekly*, it's awesome man's-man Colin Farrell. Sources tell the glossy that the 27-year-old Irish rogue has been spending amorous weekends with the 22-year-old annulee at the Beverly Hills Hotel.

Meanwhile, a more serious soul



KRT photo

connection is growing between Naomi Watts, 35, and her equally cute-alicious boy, 24-year-old Heath Ledger. Ledger, who got to hook up with his gal in the coming drama "Ned Kelly," gushes about her to the *New York Daily News*: "She knows how to harness her emotions and express them in a beautifully seductive and naive way."

Both are excited about the possibility of joining the swelling ranks of movie stars with brand-spanking-new babies. Watts has been quoted as uttering the rather odd statement, "I really do want to experience a baby."

Adds Ledger: "I've always dreamed of having children. I don't see anything wrong with having them when you're young."

A Princely deal

Prince used to complain that record companies made him feel like a slave, and for years he disseminated his musical genius as an independent artist. Now, it seems, he feels emancipated enough to join one of the majors.

The funk god has signed with Sony Corp.'s Columbia Records in a deal to take effect with the April 20 release of his CD "Musicology."

"I am really an artist and musician at heart; that's what I do," announced the Purple One, 45. "Musicology" has no boundaries or formats. It is long overdue to return to the art and craft of music — that's what this album is about. School's in session."

Yeah, well, he makes better music than press statements.

It's HIP-HOP and it don't stop:

The latest news in the industry...

LEIA BAEZ

Copy editor

Kanye West is being sued by Miguel Villasana, the man who West hit in a 2002 automobile accident. Villasana wants West to pay for his hospital bills. The accident, which was the subject of Kanye's song "Through the Wire," caused the victim significant injury, and he thinks it's West's fault. West originally stated that he had fallen asleep at the wheel, but later changed his story to say that Villasana cut him off.

Busta Rhymes, real name Trevor Smith Jr., received six months probation and was ordered to pay \$300 in court costs after pleading no contest Tuesday to assault and battery of an overzealous fan during a December 2002

concert. Smith will have his slate wiped clean if he stays out of trouble during the probationary period.

Snoop Dogg is doing it all. Sony Pictures Mobile has unleashed "Snoop Dogg Boxing." The classic arcade-style boxing game features the king of hip-hop, Snoop Dogg as the main opponent and also includes his classic anthem hit "Who Am I?" as the game soundtrack. Available in late April across a wide variety of carriers, all "playas" will be able to download "Snoop Dogg Boxing" on major JAVA and BREW(TM) handsets.

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said. "It's a freeze-thaw cycle with the water freezing and melting over and over creating more problems. Up until last week we had a lot of reoccurring chuckholes because of this cycle."

While the university cannot change the road conditions in Elmwood Park, it does what it can on campus. Steve Conley, interim director of Facility Management and Planning at UNO, said the university is doing temporary spot repairs until the weather begins to cooperate.

"We are concentrating on the circulation roads and only major problems," Conley said. "We will call out an asphalt maintenance company to temporarily patch the road."

The changing weather creates problems for the university's asphalt patches. "Any water that gets underneath and freezes; expands and pops the patch right out," Conley said.

He predicts that more chuckholes will be popping up throughout campus in areas with constantly running water.

Unlike UNO, the city hopes to permanently patch the roads the first time. Petersen said the exceptions are cases with running water where the city will fill the hole with a cold asphaltic patch. Joe Luther, a secondary education

major at UNO, is concerned about the damage chuckholes may cause to his car and he wishes the city could fill them quicker. "There's a lot of them," he said. "You don't want your tires to pop or have your car thrown out of alignment."

Jim Champion, owner of Charlie Graham Body and Service, said he sees an increase in suspension damage business from more high school and college students than adults during this season.

"They're not used to avoiding chuckholes and driving in this type of weather," Champion said.

As a tip, Champion said when you see a chuckhole, hit the brakes hard then let off them before you make contact so you can roll right through it.

Champion said, "You'll know you have damage if your steering wheel is off center or if your car is pulling to the left or right." A combination of factors can cause damage. "If the hole is so deep

that the wheel is actually in the air before the tire impacts the other side of the chuckhole, damage will be done," Champion said. "It's like hitting a curb with your tire."

Speed is also a factor. "The faster you're going, the harder the wheel hits and the more damage," Champion said.



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Kemp and company improve, fall short

J. PARKER ADAIR
Sports editor

It's been a season of many downs and a few ups for the Maverick hockey team, but the season-closing series may be a glimpse of next year for a young team.

Following an annihilation by a less than impressive Minnesota State-Mankato team, UNO played outstanding hockey against Michigan. In the end, the Mavs lost the best of three series 2-1 (0-2, 3-1, 2-5).

The first game of the Central Collegiate Hockey Association playoff series was played March 12, in Ann Arbor, Mich. Freshman goaltender Chris Holt managed to stop 40 Wolverine shots, but two more found their way into UNO's net.

Michigan's first goal came with controversy as David Rohlfis scored at 12:06 of the first period on the power play. There was some discussion by officials on whether or not there was goalie interference. The goal stood, and UM added an insurance goal at 4:22 of the second to win the game. Michigan out shot UNO 42-16.

UNO came strong in game two with Holt

stopping 29 of 30 shots. That one goal came three minutes in when Michigan's Mike Brown scored on a rebound.

Scott Parse retaliated by sliding the puck in the net in the final six minutes of the first. His 5 on 3 power-play goal came on a wrist shot along the goal line.

At 9:40 of the second, the two seniors on the team connected to give UNO the lead. Kaleb Betts flipped a snap shot on goal, and Andrew Wong collected it and put it in the net for the lead.

Alex Nikiforuk fed Anthony Adams for the final goal at 6:05 of the final period.

That game gave the Mavs its first playoff win in six tries and its first ever in Ann Arbor.

As the lowest seed in the CCHA tourney, UNO had long since been written off as a CCHA competitor. Michigan was the first seed, and one of the best teams in the nation. Still, UNO managed to take a 2-1 lead into the final period.

Michigan scored the first goal for the third straight game, but Nikiforuk tied it up with a tap in from the crease. Parse put back a rebound of a Betts shot at 1:31 of the second to take the lead.

Dwight Helminen, Eric Weme and Jeff Tambellini realized who was No. 1 and crushed the glass slipper the Mavs hoped to wear by scoring four goals in the final 13 minutes of the game. Michigan won 5-2, ending the season for UNO.

While, UNO ended with an 8-24-5 record, the season ended on a high note. Many of the Mavericks' wins were over some of the top teams in the country. And there is more hope for next season as UNO only loses Betts and Wong, and some top recruits are expected to join

the team. Head Coach Mike Kemp will also be in a contract year. The 2004-2005 team could cause some damage, and make some waves in the CCHA ice.

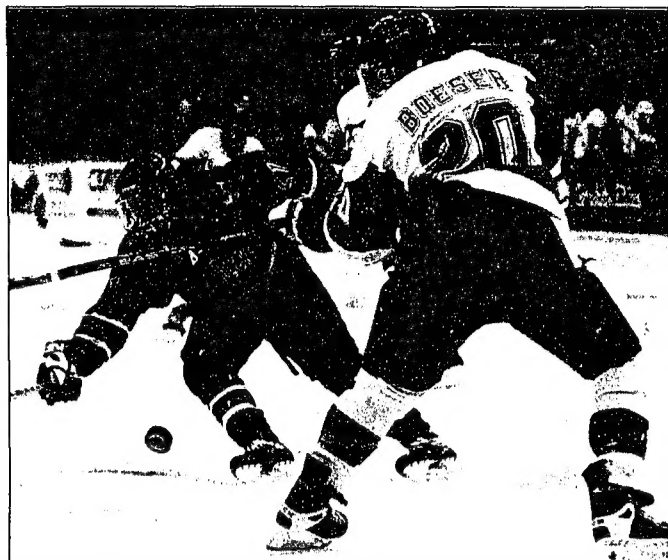


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Senior Andrew Wong ended his career by nearly taking a best-of-three series against Michigan.

Vos, Kuster lead UNO softball team to flawless record in Florida

PAUL FREELAND
Senior staff writer

Spring break could not have gone much better for the fifth-ranked Maverick softball team as its pitching staff belied its young age.

UNO's staff, which features two sophomores and two freshmen, pitched seven shutouts and three no-hitters as the Mavs went a perfect 11-0 at the Rebel Spring Games in Orlando.

Maverick Head Coach Jeanne Tostenson said her team had two main goals for the tournament, both of which were accomplished.

"One of our main goals was to see our pitching staff throw against some great competition," Tostenson said. "We wanted them to keep us in games and limit the other team's runs, which they did well. Playing during spring break let us play two games per day and that helped us to set our batting order, which wasn't set going into the tournament."

Sophomore pitcher Jenny Pritchard started the tournament with a three-hit shutout as the Mavs downed C.W. Post 6-0. Nicole Vos had a two-run triple to lead the offense. Freshman Cheris Kuster then limited Northern Kentucky to six hits in a 2-0 win, handing the Norse its first defeat of the season.

UNO extracted a measure of revenge on day two, beating Wayne State (Mich.) 1-0 in eight innings after WSU had beaten the Mavs 10-0 earlier in the year. Kellyn Kramolisch singled in Erin Bluml for the winning run. UMass-Lowell led the Mavericks 1-0 with two outs in the bottom of the seventh in the day's second game, but a pair of passed balls helped the Mavs emerge 2-1 winners. Kuster struck out 10 batters in the victory.

Tostenson said Kuster's performances helped finalize her search for a staff ace.

"We wanted to find out which of our pitchers would step up and be our No. 1," Tostenson said. "It's been a tough decision since all our pitchers do different things well, but with regional and conference games coming up, we needed to find a pitcher who could lead off a series. As of now, Cheris Kuster is our go-to pitcher. She's been dominant so far and the players feel comfortable playing behind her."

UNO's bats started hot against Georgian Court as Vos had a pair of doubles, Lauren McArthur had a triple and Kelsey Warning hit a three-run home run in a 6-0 win. The third day of competition wrapped up with the Mavs rolling past Division I Northern Colorado 8-2. Warning and Vos each had homers in the win.

Freshman hurler Taren Tuley picked up her second no-hitter of spring break in a rain-shortened 5-1 win over Southampton College. McArthur was 3-3 with a homer and three RBIs in the game. Kuster then struck out 11 batters in a 1-0 win over Pace and the Mavs rolled to a 10-0 whitewash of UMass-Lowell.

Sarah Scheppers had two doubles and an RBI as UNO edged WSU 2-1 on the tournament's final day. The Mavs then used a six-run third inning to polish off St. Thomas Aquinas 9-0. Scheppers had a homer and four RBIs as the Mavericks completed a perfect spring break.

Tostenson said she was delighted that her team was able to leave Florida 11-0 against quality opposition.

"We knew going down there that we had one of the tougher schedules we've had," Tostenson said. "Wayne State had already beat us once and Northern Kentucky was 18-0 when we played them. We played some tough teams and our performance showed the character of our team."

Tostenson's team had a mixed return to the Midwest, though, as it split a doubleheader at Missouri Western Tuesday. McArthur went 2-2 with two RBIs and a homer in an 8-1 Mavs win, but the Mavericks' bats cooled in the second game. The Griffons outlasted Tuley and eventually took the nightcap 4-3 in nine innings.

UNO (20-4) returns to action this weekend as they host the first of two tournaments in Omaha. Minnesota State-Mankato, No. 23 Truman State, Missouri Southern and Southwest State (Minn.) will all travel to Omaha for a weekend tournament at the Claussen-Westgate field near 82nd and D Streets. Game time for Saturday and Sunday is set for 9 a.m.

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Tennis team's win streak ends at eleven

KYLE J. LYNN
Staff writer

The Maverick tennis team defeated regionally-ranked Northwest Missouri State, but fell to Rockhurst at home over spring break, setting a new school record with 11 consecutive match victories.

UNO was No. 5 in the region when it faced tough competition against host No. 3 Northwest Missouri State. Rain delayed matches, forcing the teams to move inside, but not before the Mavs had already scored victories in two doubles matches. Sarah Huls and Lindsay Henjum teamed for the win at No. 2, while Abby Wilson and Mikaila Spalding won at No. 3.

The match then moved from NMSU's outdoor courts and headed to

Missouri Western State College's indoor facility in St. Joseph, Mo. The Mavs, already ahead, needed to win three of the six singles matches to take the victory. NMSU won at No. 1 and No. 2, but the Mavericks dominated the remaining four spots. At No. 3, Lindsay Henjum won a close match 4-6, 7-5, 7-6. Maggie Russell won at the No. 4 position 7-5, 6-4. Shannon Dinovo took the remaining spot 6-4, 6-4.

This match brought the Mavs to 12-2 on the season, going 8-0 in the region.

The team looked to continue their streak at home hosting Rockhurst, but the Mavs were dominated by their opponent 8-1.

Rockhurst swept doubles play and took five of the six singles matches. The

loss was the first in-region loss for the Mavericks on the year.

Huls was the only bright spot for the team, picking up a Maverick point in her 7-6, 6-1 victory. Huls improved to 7-4 on the year.

The No. 2 doubles team of Huls and Henjum were defeated for the first time this year. Russell also took her first loss in a singles match on the year.

Henjum, although defeated in doubles, was determined not to go so easily in her singles match, forcing a third set. Success ran short on the day though, and she fell in the deciding set 6-4.

The Mavericks hope to start a new streak when they host South Dakota this Sunday at noon at Hanscom Park Tennis Center.

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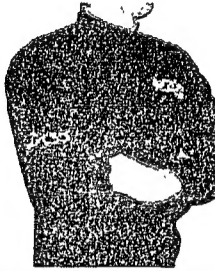
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Jeff Hansen made a putback layup with no time left on the clock to lead the Red Rockets to the A League Championship (Red Rockets: Pat Voss, Gary Morgan, Jeff Hansen, Derek Lacy, Al Lamo, Enc Allen, Neil Doughty)

Men's B League Basketball
Southsiders defeated Arena 75-52
Chris Franck ended his lopsided career at UNO with a game ending three point basket to lead the Southsiders to a repeat championship. The Southsiders went on a 14 game win streak throughout the intramural seasons this year. (Southsiders: Chris Franck, Chris Kessel, Sam Balk, J.J. Crossley, Riley Anderson, Mark Kaipust, Matt Skradski, Sean Johnston)

Co-Rec Basketball
T&A defeated Millor Time 45-44
T&A went through the entire season with an undefeated record. When the streak was at a near end, Joel Payne made sure he directed his team to yet another Co-Rec Basketball championship. (T&A: Joel Payne, Nick Warren, Andy Young, Ben Christensen, Aaron Cobb, Mick Dice, Courtney Wegner, Melissa Meisenger, Carlie Christensen, Krystal Neuhalfen)

Co-Rec Volleyball
Lucky 4 defeated The Elitists (2-0)
The Lucky 4 Team continues to own the competition. Lucky 4 has been undefeated for the past two consecutive years while capturing five straight championships in Co-Rec Volleyball.
(Lucky 4: Lisa Krivohlavik, Evan Dwyer, Robin Black, Cory Kunz, Duane Boonrod, Eric Shillito)

Men's Volleyball League
Pike A defeated Sig Ep A (2-0)
Pike continued its dominance in the Men's Volleyball league. They ended the regular season by defeating Sig Ep but that was just a warm-up for what was coming to the Sig Eps in the final game. Pike took control right from the get go and finished Sig Ep with fury. (Pike A: Dustin Lahman, Cory Kunz, Adam Hamilton, Adam Hartung, Brian Nelson, Joey Rider, JJ Archewsky, Kyle Hoback)

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PERSONALS

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EVENTS

PASO presents "African Awareness Day" on Monday March 29th from 10:00 am to 5:00 pm, Student Center 1st floor. Exhibition of African artifacts, book display, slide show and much more. Speaker at 11:00 am (Aksarben Room) and free movie starting at 6pm (Auditorium Room).

ANNOUNCEMENTS

"African Dance Workshop." A celebration of African culture through dance presented by PASO and taught by a local African Dance Group "Dirafela" Session absolutely free HPER building-Golf Lab (room 201) Friday March 26th from 2:00pm to 4:00pm

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PASO's clothing drive for donation to the Heartland Refugees Resettlement. You can help by dropping your used clothes, shoes, winter items at the Student Center Information Desk in our collection box from March 22nd to April 2nd.

Having a difficult time?
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